

Article - Natural Resources

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(a) The Department shall be responsible for planning, development, management, and conservation of the Chesapeake Bay and any other tidal waters, including their shoreline and bottom, and any resources associated with these waters. Also, the Department may:

(1) Plan and develop public recreational facilities in or on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters;

(2) Assist other State units to plan public recreational facilities for the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters;

(3) Cooperate with other units to carry out measures to protect tidal water fronts and waterways of the State against erosion and deposit; and

(4) Act for the State to develop further navigation aids and improvement of waterways in the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal water areas of the State.

(b) The Department may operate, sell, buy, lease, exchange, rent, or repair any vehicle, vessel, boat, net, or other equipment necessary for its work. The Department may furnish a vehicle, vessel, or boat which the Department owns or operates with any required arms, ammunition, or equipment. The Department's authority under this subsection is subject to the provisions of the Code relating to budget and procurement.

(c) In addition to powers and duties stated in this title, the Department may exercise authority reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this title.

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